

wherein the color characterization analysis performed for the template image and the color characterization analyses performed for each of the plurality of sample regions comprise:

examining color information of at least a subset of pixels;

assigning each examined pixel to a color category that corresponds to a portion of a color space;

determining information indicative of the allocation of the examined pixels across color categories;

wherein said comparing information obtained in the color characterization analysis of the sample region with information obtained in the color characterization analysis of the template image comprises comparing the allocations of the examined pixels across color categories for the sample region and the template image, respectively.--

REMARKS

Applicants have deleted lines 2 – 4 of page 14, which stated that the file of the patent contains at least one drawing executed in color. Applicants had originally intended to submit two color drawings. However, upon review of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office criteria for acceptance of color drawings, it was determined that in order for color drawings to be accepted with the application, the drawings must be necessary to understand the invention. Upon review, Applicants believe that, although color drawings would be desirable to help in understanding the invention, color drawings are not necessary to understand the present invention.

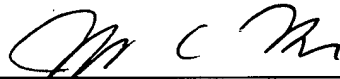
Applicants have amended claim 43 to read, “The memory medium of claim 42,” instead of, “The method of claim 42”. Claim 42 is a memory medium claim.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Conley, Rose, & Tayon, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5150-43600/JCH.

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